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Dress Goods—To this department we are adding constantly the approved fabrics for the Spring of 1909.

## OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

There is more or less curiosity up here at the mouth of the Columbia as to why the lighthouse fleet, comprising the tender Manzanita, and lightships Nos. 88, 92 and 93, have not shown up. They were due here on Saturday last, according to the last published program but no one seems to know that they have yet left San Francisco.

The steamship Boveric, lumber laden for Singapore, arrived down the river yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, and hauled into the Hammond Lumber Company's docks, for an additional 250,000 feet of fir. She will depart at the earliest practical moment.

The steamer Lurline was down a little behind her schedule last evening owing to heavy bank business on the way down. She left up at 8 o'clock, with the following people listed in her cabins: H. McAfee, W. A. Matthews, Z. Zabriske, J. A. Ward, C. R. Spade.

It was reported here yesterday morning, via United Wireless from Smith's Point, that the steamer Alhance would leave Coos Bay at noon yesterday. It is likely she will be in this morning early.

The steamer Majestic arrived in this port yesterday, and after having docked at the Standard Oil dock for a supply of fuel oil for an hour or so, went on up the river for another load of lumber.

The steamer Daisy Freeman came in yesterday afternoon from the California coast, and after a short stay at the Callender, went up the river for a return cargo of lumber.

The steamer Argo is due down from Portland this morning in time to leave out for Tillamook at noon. It is not known here whether she will take passengers or not.

The oil tank steamer W. S. Porter entered port yesterday forenoon, and kept on her way up the river.

The steamship Breakwater is due down from the metropolis at midnight and will leave out for the Coos Bay country at an early hour this morning.

**Notice to Mariners.**  
Wireless telegraph station, North Head, Washington, reports to this office large water soaked logs afloat between the reef and South Beach, Cape Blanco. Position changing with tide, navigation dangerous inside. John McNulty, Nautical Expert.

### NEW TO-DAY

Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main.

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**Wood and Coal.**  
If you want dry fir cordwood, inside fir, bark slab, or boxwood, ring up Kelly, the Wood and Coal Dealer, the man who keeps the prices down. Coal at \$7.00 per ton in your basement or \$6.00 at yard. Main 2191. Barn, corner 12th and Duane.

**BAD RAILROAD WRECK.**  
Train on South American Road Falls One Hundred Feet.

**GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 24.**  
A passenger train, north bound, was thrown over a cliff 100 feet high near Rio Bamba, and crashed to the bottom of a ravine. Twenty-five passengers were killed and 40 injured.

## LETTER FROM NORMAL SCHOOL PRESIDENT

REQUESTS A HEARING WITH PEOPLE OF STATE IN SPIRIT OF FAIR PLAY.

"Monmouth, Or., Feb. 22, 1909.

"In the spirit of 'fair play,' I should like to request a hearing on the Normal School question in Oregon. The Portland daily papers for years have vilified these institutions and repeatedly made charges of graft until there is an idea abroad that dishonesty and incompetence are their chief characteristics.

"Now either these charges are true or they are untrue. If they are true, some persons connected with the schools are guilty and should be exposed. The criminals are members of the Legislature, regents, officers, or instructors. If the charges are untrue, then it is a gross injustice to continue to circulate and publish them.

"In any event, the disposition of the matter by the Legislature has settled nothing but has resulted in the greatest hardships to innocent parties. Certainly it can be considered no crime for instructors to accept employment, legally and regularly made by the Board of Regents. It has never been considered unlawful or blameworthy for young men and women to enroll in a school, which prepares them to render useful service to the State and their fellows.

"We have now at Monmouth 112 students who have paid their tuition and completed three weeks of the second semester; 36 of these are in the Senior class. To close down the school at once will mean a loss of not less than \$50 each to all non-resident students. Even then, they cannot enter any other institution in the State and complete the year's work. I shall not recite the wrongs of the faculty or innocent citizens who have moved to these towns for the benefit of schooling for their children.

"I am engaged in the preparation of a statement of the case which will be mailed you in a few days and which I respectfully request you to publish if you think proper.

"Very truly,  
"E. D. RESSLER."

## ILWACO

The telephone lines between this place and Astoria were out of commission the latter part of last week for a day or two on account of the road supervisor cutting trees on the public road on the Walcott hill. They were all repaired by James Martin, the telephone lineman for the Howerton lines on Monday.

J. A. Howerton will leave this week for Oysterville where he will install several telephones on the lines he has recently erected between that place and Nahcotta. This will give the Oysterville people outside communications by telephone, something that has been needed for the past several years.

W. A. Graham and Capt. Hagbloom, left Monday for a several days visit to Portland, on business.

Artie Hawkins is now installed as chief meat cutter in the Ilwaco Market. He states that if he cannot cut a steak straight he compels the patrons to pay for the crooked ones as well.

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Mr. E. A. Case of Seattle, was doing business among our merchants the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Modren, returned the latter part of last week from South Bend where they had been attending court. In connection with their business trip they report a very pleasant time among their numerous South Bend friends many of whom, were former residents of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warner, of the head of the bay, were among the out-of-town visitors to Ilwaco Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. Hawkins, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ross Williamson at McGowan, over Sunday.

Mrs. Andrew Toppi, and children arrived recently from a two months visit in Idaho.

Geo. L. Colwell, of Astoria was in the city the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Goulter, returned the latter part of last week to their home in Oysterville. Mr. Goulter has been undergoing medical treatment in Portland, but his condition is not much improved, it is thought.

Mrs. Wesley Miller left recently for Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bert Soule, whose health is very poorly at present.

Several persons from Chinook were in the city Sunday to witness the ball game between Long Beach and Ilwaco, in which the Ilwaco team was victorious.

Henry Hough, was among the Ilwaco visitors to Astoria the first of the week.

J. J. Brumbach, returned home Saturday from a brief sojourn in South Bend, where he attended court held there last week.

A large crowd of Ilwaco people attended the "Hard Times" dance, given Saturday evening at Long Beach in the Assembly Hall, by the Jacobson orchestra. They report the usual good time, that is always shown there by the people of Long Beach.

Kenneth Goulter made a short business trip to Astoria, the first of the week.

Rube Rogers departed Tuesday for his station in the straits of Juan de Fuca, where he will engage in the Life Saving Service. The best wishes of his many friends in Ilwaco go with him.

Ed Osborne, one of Oysterville's highly respected citizens, passed away very suddenly the latter part of last week at his home. His funeral took place Sunday, interment in the Oysterville cemetery.

Mr. Markham, who has been in the employ of W. B. Hawkins, of the Ilwaco Meat Market for the past few months returned the first of the week to Astoria where he will be located in the future.

Mr. F. E. Wright, and Jim Hughes left the latter part of last week for Stillicum, Wash., with Mr. Hughes' father, who will be placed in the insane asylum, at that place.

The grand ball given Monday evening in the Ilwaco Opera House was declared a big success. A large crowd was in attendance many being present from Long Beach and Chinook. The music, furnished by Mrs. Curry and the Jacobson Orchestra was excellent, and added to the pleasure of the evening. All in all, it was the best dance given in Ilwaco for many months.

### ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

If Congress were to ask the people of the United States to appropriate 500 millions to build a large number of battleships, the uproar that would follow may be easily imagined. Yet it is with a feeling akin to indifference that they witness a loss of from 200 to 500 millions annually from fire.

The fact that this tremendous yearly loss falls upon individuals instead of coming out of the public treasury leads them to regard such destruction as a misfortune instead of a national folly. It is really the latter. With re-proof construction, such as is afforded by reinforced concrete, there would not only be the saving of property now destroyed by conflagration, but a material reduction in the present expenditure involved in the maintenance of fire departments. There are many indications, however, that the public is beginning to consider the situation seriously. Before the development of reinforced concrete construction reached its present advanced stage, it was really a difficult matter to say what constituted a thoroughly fire-proof structure, but with many practical demonstrations as to the virtue of concrete in this respect, there is little excuse for the rearing of edifices certain to be destroyed in the event of fire. Ex-

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## PLAN OF SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE

THE MASSACHUSETTS PLAN IS WORKING ITSELF OUT WELL.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The Massachusetts plan of savings bank life insurance and old age pensions, issued to wage earners at actual cost, is working itself out to the great satisfaction of its enthusiastic advocates. Although the acceptance of a new principle of insurance cannot be universal all at once so many savings bank policies and annuity contracts have already been written that there is now no question regarding the success of the scheme, which has been commended for national adoption by the American Federation of Labor in its Denver convention and by President Roosevelt in his annual message to Congress.

That the legislature of the Bay State in 1907 passed a measure permitting savings banks to establish insurance departments and to issue industrial life insurance policies not to exceed \$500 and old age annuities not to exceed \$200 on the life of a single citizen is generally known.

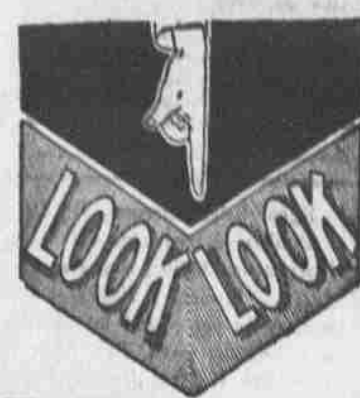
The law went into effect Nov. 1, 1907, but because of the newness of the idea and the many details that had to be administered, the state's part of the work was not in readiness until the summer of 1908. By that time standard forms of policies with rates based upon the bare cost of the insurance and with provisions for return of any profits accruing had been carefully worked out by the State Actuary, Robertson G. Hunter. Two savings banks stood ready to try the experiment. These were the Whitman Savings bank and the People's Savings Bank of Brockton, of which former Governor William L. Douglas, the well known shoe manufacturer is president. Several other savings banks, although unwilling for the present to raise the \$25,000 guaranty fund required by law, agreed to act as agents of these two banks.

Applications for appointment as agencies were also received last fall and early this winter from many welfare institutions, department stores, manufacturing concerns and labor unions. More than 60 agencies at the present time are offering the new facilities to the public in various parts of the state.

There has been no rush among workers for the savings bank policies, for a certain amount of education is required to accustom people to look out for their own protection instead of being teased into it by life insurance agents. Yet the total result has been highly encouraging to the judgment of those who have believed that industrious and thrifty workers would respond to the advantages of insurance companies doing an industrial business, and to opportunities for old age annuities on an easy payment plan which have never before been presented in this country. In some of the leading shoe factories of the state from 25 to 60 per cent of all the employees have taken out some form of savings bank insurance. Excellent results are also being reached in Boston department stores. The chance by personal initiative to secure an old age pension of \$200 a year is appealing to many salaried people, so that annuities are being bought extensively.

That the need of adopting any socialistic system of old age pensions will be removed by the operation of the voluntary pension scheme in Massachusetts is one of the hopes of the leaders of the movement who believe that the more American way to solve such difficulties as England is attempting to solve by pensions supported out of taxation is for each individual to charge the cost of providing for his own support in old age against the "living wage."

The reports of business, written, growth from week to week. On the principle that every kind of sound insurance helps every other kind of sound insurance the life insurance turned in at the office of the State city, indicated a steady normal insurance companies doing business on an economical basis are not being injured by the competition which the savings banks have started. It is already evident that the total result will be the writing of larger amounts of insurance than ever before and the growth of a public demand for forms of insurance—such as the voluntary old age pension and non-employment insurance—that have not been particularly prominent in American industrial life heretofore.



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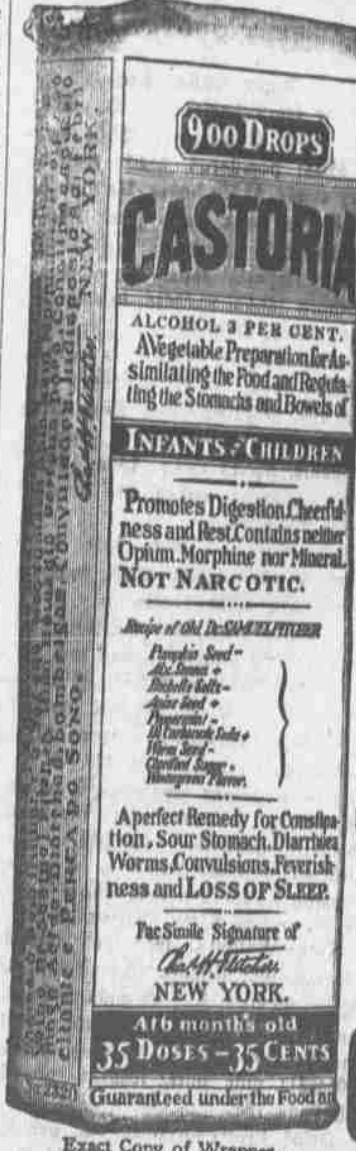
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